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Bethany Didsbury to open doors to residents

BY PAUL FREY
 MVP Staff

In a long-awaited move, the Bethany Care Society was to hold an official opening event for its facility on 12 Street and 15 Avenue on March 24. The opening was to be

attended by various dignitaries, including Fred Horne, the minister of health, Greer Black, the president of Bethany Care Society, Bruce Rowe, MLA for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, Dr. Francis Belanger, vice-president and medical director

for central and southern Alberta, and Deputy Mayor Lavar Adams. The facility will provide space for up to 100 seniors in long-term care, including 25 beds for seniors living with dementia. The two-storey building features

four unique areas with different wall and colour themes as well as several common lounges and other spaces. The event was to also feature tours of the facility and a community open house. "Through our mission

of creating caring communities, we are committed to addressing the growing need to provide care for seniors in a supportive and safe environment. The opening of Bethany Didsbury is a valuable contribution to this need," Black said.

The non-profit Bethany Care Society has been providing care for Albertans since 1945. It offers independent, supportive and continuing care facilities in over 100 communities throughout the province, serving about 4,500 seniors.



Noel West/MVP Staff

The Rundle College Cobras celebrate after defeating the Picture Butte Sugar Queens to clinch the Alberta School's Athletic Association 2A Basketball Championship at Didsbury High School on March 22.

Dragons place fifth at provincial tournament

BY PAUL FREY
 MVP Staff

The Didsbury High School Dragons placed fifth at the 2A girls provincial basketball championships, beating the defending provincial champion Immanuel Christian Eagles 64-38 in the consolation final on March 22.

The local team acted as host for the tournament from March 20 to 22. Cassandra Rasmussen was the Dragons' leading scorer throughout the tournament, with 79 points, including 29 in the final game against the Eagles. The team had a 3-1 record at the tournament, winning its first game 76-39 against the Central High School Lams, losing a crucial game to the Picture Butte High School Sugar Queens 57-49, then rebounding on the final day of the tournament to beat the Sexsmith Sabres 56-41 and the Eagles to claim fifth.

Following the consolation final, coach Henry Paulgaard said after Kyra Paulgaard's injury in the first half of that game, the team rallied and took a four-point lead after 20 minutes of play at 25-21. "The whole season we've talked about systems-thinking as opposed to focusing on

just one or two players and that just allowed us to be successful in that game," he said. In the second half, the Dragons keyed on a couple of Eagles players and those players ended up fouling out. As a result, the Dragons outscored the Eagles in the second half 39-17.

"That's why we were able to overtake them I think because one in particular, a player who was very strong, she ended up fouling out with probably eight minutes left and that was a big change for that team. We were able to capitalize on that," Paulgaard said.

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Library reports small deficit for 2013

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Municipal Library recorded a small \$4,900 deficit in 2013 on revenues of \$300,400.

The number was released as part of the annual report presented to a group of volunteers and supporters on March 18 during an open house at the library.

Inez Kosinski, director of the Didsbury Municipal Library, said the number could easily have been a surplus had some of the grants the library applied for in 2013 been approved. The library dipped into its operating surplus to cover the deficit.

In an interview, Kosinski said the library will have to closely watch how it spends the money it takes in this year.

"(The deficit) is a concern. Our budget is created as a balanced budget and our goal is to spend as much as we take in ... we'll just have to monitor our spending this year," she said.

The Friends of the Library have

been a great help in the past by raising money to help purchase shelving, books and other materials the library needs and the support is appreciated, Kosinski said.

"The friends have been very helpful in paying for that, and we'll probably turn to them even more this year to help us balance the budget for 2014. Our goal is always a zero-based budget," she said.

One of the other notable items to come out of the annual report this year was that the circulation of the early literacy items in the library's collection has increased by 24 per cent since the implementation of a new library plan three years ago.

The library works with ParentLink and the Mountain View Early Childhood Coalition to foster a joy of reading in young children, which the library hopes will stick with children as they grow older and encourage them to visit the library on their own. Summer Reading Club for children was also well attended.



Paul Frey/MVG Staff

LEADING EDGE - Sarah Robinson, an intern at the Didsbury Municipal Library, demonstrates how the three-dimensional printer works on March 18 during an open house at the library. The printer, which the library procured about a year ago, is available for the public to use for a nominal fee. The demonstration was part of an open house at the library that saluted the many volunteers that help keep the library an information hub in the community.

"Our goal is to create programs to encourage early literacy and we've partnered with the (other organizations) to accomplish the same goal ... and so the result of that is that more parents are bringing their children to the library," Kosinski said.

While the amount of adult fiction being borrowed from the library has dropped, that decrease has been offset by an increase in other materials checked out, such as movies. The library has seen a 29 per cent increase

in all materials checked out.

There was an increase of 3,400 visitors in 2013, up from 50,600 in the previous year.

The library is also partnering with Telus to hopefully purchase media conversion hardware and software that would allow patrons to convert VHS to DVD. The library purchased a three-dimensional printer last year that allows patrons to print three-dimensional images for a nominal user fee.

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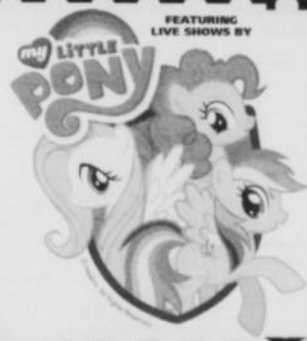
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Town investigates water leak in West Point Bay

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town crews repaired a water leak in West Point Bay last week in which water was leaking from a resident's water line into the storm sewer.

While the initial leak is the responsibility of the property owner, town staff got involved once the water flowed off the property and into the storm drain, said Greg Skotheim, the town's manager of public works.

Staff tested the water and found that it was chlorinated water, indicating that the water was from a service connection.

"Staff saw water flowing into the sanitary manhole from the side of the manhole and we

tested that and it had chlorine in it. So we knew we had a problem," he said.

There was no disruption to water service in the area. Skotheim said town staff were unable to determine whether the leak was caused by a worn pipe at the point of connection. Staff noticed the issue about three weeks ago.

Skotheim said the same problem occurs about four to five times every winter and is caused by water migrating to areas where there is less frost, then it comes to the surface. It is usually caused by weakened water connections or older pipe that happen over time with the onset of colder winter temperatures.

"These things happen in the wintertime with

the frost, sometimes water travels a long way before it comes to the surface, or it comes into a manhole or a storm sewer. As a town, we're working hard to ... reduce our unmet water consumption. That's something that's a priority now," he said.

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Lasiuta gets his chance to weave a spy tale

BY JOHNNIE
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MVP Staff

Mountain View Publishing scribe Tim Lasiuta is now scribbling pulp fiction tales about spooks.

Lasiuta, a reporter for the *Innisfail Province*, has just published a short story on the life and times of a fictitious spy in a new espionage anthology called *Covert Ops: Gemini*. His story is one of three tales in

the anthology, which is being released by Pro Se Productions.

The story is about Jonesy S. Nottingham, a comic book artist in real life, who spent time training with Covert Ops as a younger man. He is called to action to defend John Diefenbaker, the president of the United States, and the mayor of New York from a madman determined to assassinate them in Times Square.

Lasiuta, a veteran writer in the pulp fiction genre, pitched his latest tale to Pro Se editor Tommy Hancock about a year ago.

"He accepted and I wrote it, going through five edits until they were happy with the pulp style," said Lasiuta. "Pulp is hard to write; the hard-boiled, crisp style is different. Having met Robert Culp of *I, Spy* in 2008, I waited for the opportunity to write a spy tale that encompassed the espionage genre."

Lasiuta has been a pulp fiction and comic book addict since he was a teenager. He always wanted to either draw for comic books or write for them.

"My interest in writing was sparked by early reading of Doc Savage



Johnnie Bachusky/MVP Staff

Tim Lasiuta, a reporter for the *Innisfail Province*, has just published a pulp fiction tale on the life and times of a fictitious spy in a new espionage anthology called *Covert Ops: Gemini*.

novels, western comic books, and the classics," said Lasiuta, adding his passion for writing pulp fiction and comic books has been constant for more than 30 years.

He is a regular attendee at comic book conventions, whether it's New York or Calgary, and he is first in line to meet and exchange ideas with comic book legends including Jerry Robinson, Stan Lee, Joe Sinnott, Neal Adams, Jim Steranko, Joe

Simon, and Mart Nodell, who created the Green Lantern.

"When I first heard about *Covert Ops: Gemini*, I was excited to be offered the opportunity to write a spy story having enjoyed *Mission Impossible* and *I, Spy* as a kid," said Lasiuta.

"As a Canadian writer, I wanted to inject a little Canadianism into the story, and with the Cold War as a background, having an assassination attempt

on Diefenbaker seemed reasonable."

Lasiuta's other pending contracts include a *Nosferatu* adaptation for *Graphic Classics*, a book on Joe Sinnot for Hermes Press, a graphic novel based on a movie, and articles for *True West Magazine*.

"My favourite project to date has been the Tom Gill book, www.lonerangercartoonist.com," said Lasiuta. "It's kind of like your first love. It is always special."

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WITH THE DIDSBURY LIBRARY

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March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Mountain View Bridge Club duplicate bridge every Wednesday evening at 7 pm at the Masonic Hall. Phone Don 335-3019 for more information.

March 30

"Fifth Sunday Jam". Come jam at Melvin Hall on March 30 from 2 to 4 pm. Lunch provided. \$3.00 admission.

April 5

St. Hilda Chapter No. 27, Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting a Military Whist Card Party on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Masonic Hall. There are door prizes, a food hamper draw and lunch will be served. Cost is \$5.00 per person and tickets are available from B. Due at (403) 335-3680 or C. Dahl at (403) 335-4764. All proceeds go toward scholarships.

April 8

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Editorial

Redford resignation a political bombshell

The resignation of Premier Alison Redford is a first-rate disaster for the ruling PC Party – and a glowing and unprecedented opportunity for its Wildrose, Liberal and NDP opponents.

For rural Alberta the demise of the controversial and divisive Redford regime means local elected officials will have to redouble their efforts over the following months if the issues facing the region are to remain on the provincial political agenda.

And with those issues in West Central Alberta including the need for ongoing support for roads and highways, flood protection, health care, education and a myriad of other things, the stakes couldn't be higher.

At the provincial level, with an election now only two years away, Redford's resignation gives the PCs precious little time to find and elect a new leader and then to have him or her somehow turn the party's



DAN SINGLETON

fortunes around.

And if the PCs' very poor showing in recent opinion polls is any indication, that may prove to be a very difficult, if not impossible, task.

For the official Opposition Wildrose Party, which is enjoying very strong public support according to those same recent polls, a chance for major gains in the Alberta political arena has suddenly materialized.

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith has already set out some of her vision for the coming pre-election fight, calling the PCs a beaten and worn-out party now unfit to rule.

"What we've witnessed during her short 29 months as premier is the clearest indication yet that the PC party cannot be fixed," said Smith.

"The problems with this party and with this government run far too deep for one leader to change – no matter how noble their intentions are or how deeply they're committed to them."

Whether Smith can maintain her party's momentum in the run-up to the next election campaign will be well worth watching.

The Liberals and the NDP also call Redford's resignation a clear sign of a ruling party in ruins and disarray, unfit to continue in power. Yet can Liberal Leader Raj Sherman or NDP Leader Brian Mason finally convince Albertans that their respective parties are viable alternatives to the PCs?

The resignation of Alison Redford is a political bombshell that will impact not only the ruling party and its opponents, but also opens up opportunities and challenges for local elected officials faced with doing all they can to meet widespread needs across the region.

Hopefully the battle now underway in the PC Party to replace Alison Redford won't leave rural Albertans and the needs of their communities out in the cold.

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Letters to the editor

Questions about curling club

Re: "Didsbury curlers plea with town over finances," p. 1, Feb. 11 Didsbury Review

A little background history. The Didsbury Curling Club – valued at about \$750,000 in 1998 – was funded and built by sponsors and volunteers and then turned over to the Town of Didsbury for a mere \$50,000.

The Town of Didsbury budget breakdown per department brochure states revenue from the Didsbury Curling Club is \$50,700 for rent and power, of which \$34,428.04 is rent (\$5,306.04 plus GST per month, times six months). The total town revenue for the Didsbury curling rink for the whole year is generated by the Didsbury Curling Club. Puzzling.

How can the town be running a deficit of \$84,131 for the operation of the curling rink when all expenses such as power, gas, ice maintenance and janitorial services are paid for by the Didsbury Curling Club while renting the facility?

Very interesting question leading to further questions. What and who are the other renter or renters paying for the other six months? Does the town have another renter for six winter months who is willing to pay \$34,428.04 rent plus utilities

should the curling club be closed down? Intriguing.

On the Town of Didsbury website it shows that no town staff is allocated to the curling club as the curling club is responsible for icemaker and janitorial wages. So once again, how can the curling club be a deficit to the town? This was showcased as a black eye on the Didsbury Curling Club.

As a renter, why should the curling club be responsible for a capital expenditure such as the replacement of a compressor? Has the issue of hot water being supplied by the Didsbury Curling Club to melt the snow from the Zamboni been resolved?

A few years ago the Didsbury curling membership was over 250. However, due to the high rent and utility bills they have had to increase their fees, which are presently the highest around, and this has resulted in declining memberships (folks dropping out of curling or going to curl elsewhere).

The Town of Didsbury has money to support basketball in the curling rink during the summer to keep kids active and off the streets; great idea. Didsbury High School has 175 students and Westglan has 150 students

that use the rink for their physical education programs, which extends into the junior curling program after school. Why single out one sport to not support?

Lawn bowling is dead; now curling could be. Which sport is next? Possibly figure skating?

Yes, it all boils down to cost. Note that revenue from the aquatic centre is \$297,422, and expenditures are \$724,705. The Town of Didsbury should be charging for use of ball diamonds and soccer fields, as it takes town employees to maintain these grounds (parks shows a deficit of \$260,088). It is my understanding that the Didsbury golf course pays \$1 to the town for use of the land. Is this fair? After all, as a taxpayer, a \$1 return on 24 hectares of land does not compute. This is mainly an adult facility.

Who has these answers? How can we get these answers? Share your concerns by forwarding letters to the editor of the Didsbury Review.

Other communities see the value in having a curling club and are supported by the municipality in rent or cost of utilities. Why not Didsbury?

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Rotary club holds first fundraiser

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Rotary Club of Didsbury-Carstairs hosted its first-ever fundraiser on March 21 to benefit the music program at Westglen School.

The evening featured a meal plus live entertainment at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury. The Westglen Whalin' Wildcat Jazz Band, Pure Country, an Airdrie-based fiddle band, and Marty Antonini and his Gospel singers kept the crowd entertained for three hours.

"We sold a lot of tickets to it in the last two days (leading up to the event). I think it's been quite

successful," said Wayne McCune, acting president of the Rotary Club.

McCune said the club decided to hold the fundraiser to benefit the music program at Westglen because it is a popular program but can be cost prohibitive for many who want to take the program, so the Rotary Club thought it would be a good idea to support it in whatever way it could.

"Rotary's always had a big hand in music all over the province, but particularly here where there's a ... hotbed of teachers and people who actually play the music," he said.

Proceeds from the event weren't known at press time.



Members of the band Pure Country played in Didsbury at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church on March 21 in support of the band program at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in support of the Westglen School.

Paul Frey/MVP Staff

Motorist gets warning for marijuana use

RCMP pulled over a motorist regarding a burned out taillight on March 17 at about 10 p.m. while driving on 15 Avenue and 21 Street. Upon

Police briefs

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

approaching the male driver, the officer detected a smell of marijuana on him and subsequently found a small amount of the substance in the vehicle. He was warned about the use of the substance, but no charges are pending.

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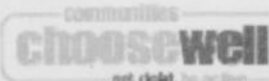
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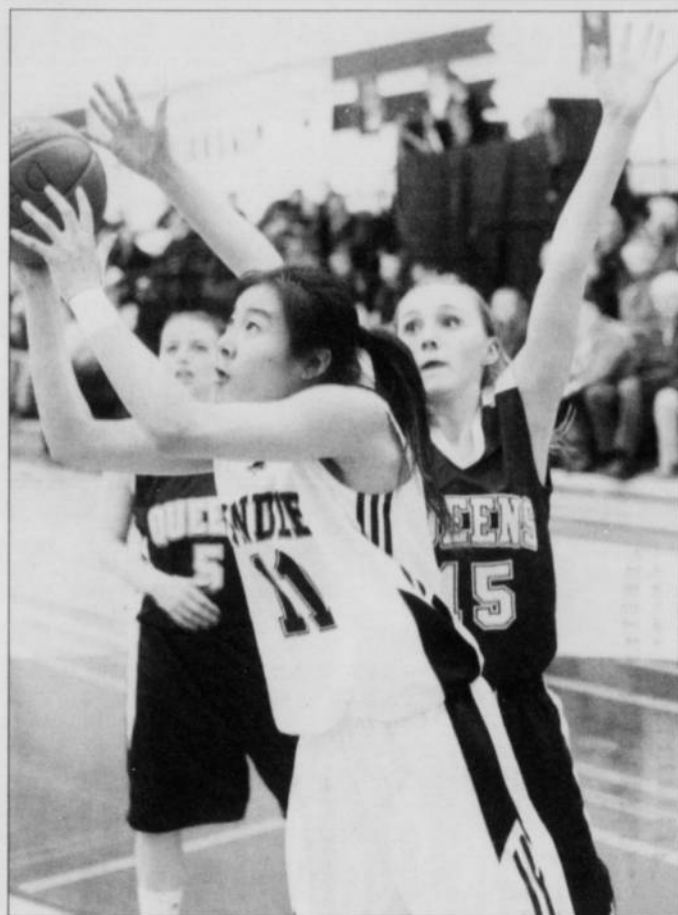
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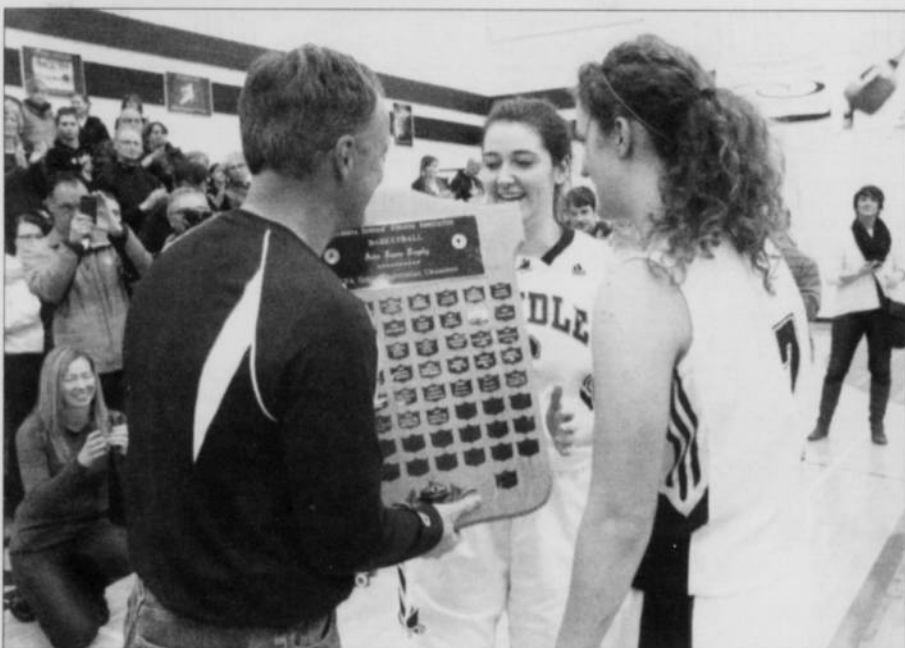
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TOP LEFT: Picture Butte Sugar Queens player Rachel Reurink fights for a rebound with a Rundle College Cobras player during the Alberta School's Athletic Association 2A Basketball Championship game at Didsbury High School on March 22. ABOVE: Rundle College Cobras player Janna Kwan goes up for a layup during the championship game. BOTTOM LEFT: Two Rundle College Cobras players accept the teams championship plaque after winning the final game.



Basketball

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Overall, Paulgaard said the team played well throughout the tournament, and had a lead over the Sugar Queens for 35 minutes, but couldn't sustain it through the final five minutes of the game.

"We just got a little bit nervous. Throughout the entire season, we were never ranked in the top 10. With the elimination of some of the teams, we ended up being seeded seventh (going into the tournament), so we were able to move up two spots into fifth place, which was a huge accomplishment. We got a little nervous facing the number 2 seed in the province (Picture Butte)," he said.

Rasmussen, one of the graduating Grade 12 play-

ers on the team, said following the tournament that everyone on the team played well as a unit. Everyone on the team was happy to have won the south central zone championship and earn the berth to the tournament rather than just play in it as the host.

"Everything came together when it needed to and that was great to see. It felt great to know that we earned our way in here," she said.

Rasmussen said everyone on the team knew going into the game against the Sugar Queens that it would be a tough game and after losing that game the team re-focused quickly.

"Once we lost it, we knew we could finish strong on the consolation side, so we just put our minds to it and did what we had to do," she said.

Paulgaard said the season was extremely suc-

cessful, playing in several quality tournaments and winning the Chinook's Edge and South Central zone titles.

"Hard work and determination creates a level of success, not only in basketball but in everything we do in life and that's one of the key messages that we've been carrying throughout the season," he said.

Several of the players on this year's team will be eligible to play next season, and Paulgaard said several grade 9 and 10 students will be vying for spots on the team next season as well.

"We're very optimistic about the momentum that we ended up achieving this year," he said.

The Rundle College Cobras defeated the Sugar Queens 65-59 to claim the provincial 2A title.



TOP LEFT: Didsbury Dragons player Anna Houtman attempts to get a shot off during the Dragons game against the Picture Butte Sugar Queens at Didsbury High School on March 21. TOP RIGHT: Coach Henry Paulgaard speaks to the team during a break in play. MIDDLE RIGHT: Kyra Paulgaard drives around a Sugar Queens player. BOTTOM LEFT: Willow Perwarden breaks through the Sugar Queens full court press. BOTTOM RIGHT: Dragons players fight for a rebound on the Sugar Queens end.

Volunteers step up to make provincial tournament a success

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

About 60 volunteers did a fantastic job in helping make the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association 2A girls basketball championships a success last week in Didsbury.

Staff at Didsbury High School, students and parents all had a hand in making the tournament run

smoothly, said Ian Bates, athletic director at the school and tournament coordinator.

"It was amazing. We had so many volunteers that at some points we couldn't even find enough work for them. That's a nice problem to have. We couldn't have done it without our volunteers and everyone wanted to help out," he said.

Several students from DHS were assigned host duties for each of the visiting teams and were

tasked with showing them around the school, making them feel welcome and answering any questions they had about the school or the community.

Bates also said the community spirit shown during the tournament was excellent to see, especially from the sponsors who helped with the tournament and Dragons basketball throughout this season.

Former basketball star talks to tournament participants



Paul Frey/MVG Staff

Leanne Doan, a former University of Calgary basketball player who competed in the provincial championships during her high school years, was the keynote speaker during a banquet on March 20 for players at the ASAA basketball championships in Didsbury.

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Former University of Calgary Dinos stand-out Leanne Doan was the keynote speaker at the banquet for the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association AA Provincial Championships in Didsbury last week.

Doan, who remains the Dinos women's all-time leading scorer – and who starred in provincial championships during her high school career at William E. Hay Composite High School in Stettler – told the athletes they should enjoy the experience of competing at a high level.

Doan also competed for Canada at several international competitions and played basketball for three years in France once her university career was over. She now is a stay-at-home mother living in Three Hills.

"I want to congratulate each one of you for being here this weekend and achieving what you have to get to this tournament because that didn't come without a lot of sweat and without a lot of hard work. So congratulations to each of you," she said.

Doan said one of the best things about basketball is that it teaches teamwork and that if everyone works for the same goal, a lot can get accomplished. She also talked about the sacrifices that athletes make in time away from family and friends. But she said that being part of a team is a great experience that builds character.

"I hope you can see that it's all worth it. I know you have to give up many things to be part of a team. I know you'll look back at this and appreciate what this has done for you as a person," she said.

Doan also talked about various setbacks that athletes have during a season, such as injuries, and said that if players persevere through those, they

can achieve great things. She said the bond that teammates share helps them accomplish goals.

"If you have that group bond, you'd be amazed at what you can accomplish," she said.

Doan talked about her own experience of trying out for the women's national team for the first time at age 18 when she had just moved to Calgary from Stettler to play for the University of Calgary. She didn't make the national team that year, but because she persevered, she eventually did make the team after a few more tries.

"I was cut five times before I made that team and I wouldn't trade any of that, because it made me who I am today. It made me a stronger person to go through those difficulties. Yes it wasn't fun at the time, but I cherish all those difficult times because it made me stronger," she said.

Emily Johnson, a member of the Picture Butte Sugar Queens, said she found Doan to be an excellent speaker.

"I thought she was really good and it was cool to hear about somebody who succeeded at basketball at such a high level," she said.

Johnson's teammate Katarina Bartz said she could relate to Doan's experience.

"It was really nice to see that someone who was just like us can get that far. We could do that too, someday, if we wanted to take our basketball dreams that far," she said.

Another key message was perseverance, Bartz said.

"I think that's definitely true. It's really nice to hear that because sometimes in the moment you definitely don't think that when you're running a bunch of times and you just don't feel like being there, but it definitely helps you get to be where you should be in your game," she said.

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\$319,900

3.16 Acres Near Didsbury



1180 sq ft home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, 18' X 26' heated workshop, 40' X 60' quonset, on pavement, great little hobby farm set-up

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107 Westheights Close



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2102 - 21 Avenue



Functional Elegance! 2 + 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, brazilian walnut hardwood, vaulted ceilings, tiered seating theatre room, huge yard.

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One of the last available vacant lots on the main road coming into Didsbury, zoned Residential/Commercial, 40' x 124', ready for your ideas!

\$64,900

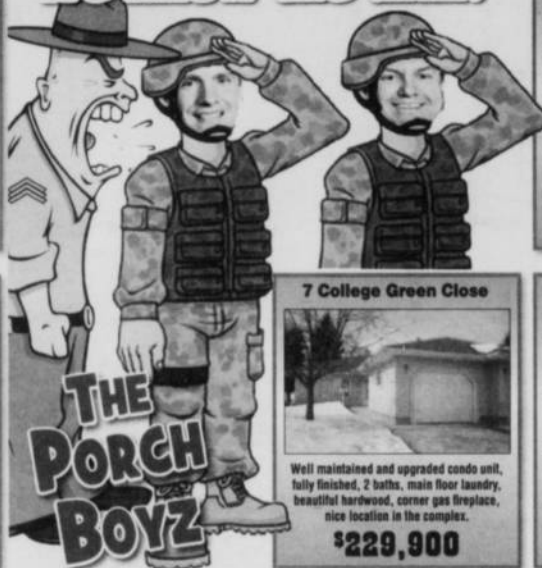
18 Willow Way, Olds



Beautiful home, vaulted ceilings, oak kitchen with eating bar, 2+2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, fully finished, double detached garage, fenced yard

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14 Rosebud Bay



Beautiful 2 acre parcel in Didsbury, 1400 sq ft, 3 + 2 bdrms, 3 baths, gas fireplace, walkout basement, double attached garage, 30x40 heated shop

\$465,000

102 Westpoint Bay



Over 2000 sq ft custom built home, open plan, loft area, huge vaulted ceiling, fieldstone fireplace, 6' claw foot tub, floor heat, massive fenced yard, covered veranda, etc...

\$359,900

1435 - 21 Avenue



4 plex revenue property, 2 X 2 bedroom suites and 2 X 3 bedroom suites, bi-level style, centrally located, good parking.

\$259,000

7 College Green Close



Well maintained and upgraded condo unit, fully finished, 2 baths, main floor laundry, beautiful hardwood, corner gas fireplace, nice location in the complex.

\$229,900

2, 2200 - 7 Avenue



Calling all first time buyers or investors, 3 bedroom bilevel style unit, 1-1/2 baths, newer flooring, furnace and vinyl siding.

\$127,900

201 Westhill Close



Great family home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, large beautiful yard, double detached garage, great location.

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5910 - 60 Street, Olds



Great home w/curb appeal & location! 1532 sq ft plus developed bsmt, open plan, lots of built-ins, glassed in rear deck, low maintenance landscaping, drive-through garage

\$469,900

2.50 Acres west of Didsbury



well maintained and upgraded mobile home, wood burning stove, trees, 3 sheds, area prepped for shop, only minutes from Didsbury on pavement

\$349,900

1502 - Mary Place



2 + 2 bdrms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling in living room, bright kitchen and dining areas, large fenced yard, R.V. parking, treated deck, well maintained.

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1917 - 17 Street



Maintenance free living! 2 + 1 bedrooms unit, 2 baths, cork flooring on main, corner gas fireplace, main floor laundry, fully finished, reasonable HOA fees.

\$219,900

2018 - 20 Avenue



One of the highest traffic areas in Didsbury, currently run as the Didsbury Café, or choose another venture. Includes equipment and fixtures. A great space for an entrepreneur. 2623 sq ft, 50' x 120' lot.

\$319,900 + gst

1.85 Acres at Butte Hills



1266 sq. ft. fully developed cedar log home, 3+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, granite counter tops, new basement flooring, hot tub, heated quonset, paved laneway, excellent location, easy commute.

\$649,900

1422 - 21 Avenue



Revenue property, 4 plex building with 3 X 2 bedroom suites and 1 X 1 bedroom suite, bi-level style, coin op laundry, lots of parking.

\$379,000

4.8 Acres on the Valley



1340 sq. ft. bungalow built in 1998, 3 1/2 baths, 4 bdrms, walk-out bsmt, infloor heat, wrap around deck, 32 x 40 heated shop. Great location close to town.

\$639,900

Bergen Acreage!



1.28 acres, 1682 sq ft character home, gorgeous kitchen upgrade, beautiful hardwood, claw foot tub in main bath, finished basement, oversized double garage, beautiful setting!

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38 Silverstone Place



Gorgeous 1700 sq ft 2 storey, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, great open plan, beautiful ensuite, corner gas fireplace, huge fenced yard

\$399,900

15 Milford Lane, Carstairs



The "Villas at Parkview Estates". Lovely 50+ unit, fully finished, gas fireplace, vaulted ceiling, 2 bdrms, 2 dens, 2 baths, heated single garage, covered patio, great location.

\$249,900

2102 - 18 Avenue



Great starter or revenue home, recent bathroom upgrades, gas fireplace in living room, basement family room, 24 x 24 garage, corner lot.

\$174,900

4.67 Acres 8 mi. west of Didsbury



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